

	United States Department of Agriculture Forest Service	News Release	FOREST KLAMATH NATIONAL 1711 S. Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097 (530) 841-6131 www.fs.usda.gov/klamath	
Wednesday, August 29, 2012 9:00 a.m.		For Immediate Release	Fire Information Line: (530) 493-1514 www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/	

Goff Fire Information Update

August 28th, 2012 at 10:30am the Siskiyou County Sheriff's Office issued a six hour notification for mandatory evacuation. Residents of Seiad Valley had one to two hours or less to evacuate following this third stage of notification. The notice includes closure of Seiad Creek Road, Seiad Oaks Road, and some portions of the west side of Highway 96. An evacuation center has been established at Siskiyou Golden Fair Grounds, 1172 Fairlane Road, Yreka Ca. The evacuation center has the capability to house large and small animals as well.

The fire has reached containment lines, some within a few hundred yards of structures along the west side of Seiad Creek Road and Highway 96 in Seiad Valley. The fire is expected to move across the Canyon Creek towards the West Fork Seiad Creek over the next 24 hours. Firefighters are stationed along Seiad Creek Road and Seiad Oak Road to protect homes and property 24 hours a day. Structure protection crews continue preparations along the Seiad Valley Road to provide structure protection as needed. Firefighters are using strategic firing operations only when necessary to strengthen containment lines.

On the west side the fire is expected to move across the ridge between Four Mile Butte and Tims Peak and north towards Mount Emily over the next 24 hours. Firefighters will continue to strengthen containment lines.

Temperatures are expected to be 85 and 90 degrees today. The winds along the ridge tops are will be out of the northeast at 6 to 8 mph with gusts up to 15 mph.

For additional evacuation information contact the Siskiyou County Sheriff Department at (530) 841-2900, or the Goff Fire Information Center at (530) 493-1514, or on the internet at inciweb.org/incident/3117/. Select Fort Complex then select the "Closures" tab or "News" tab. The Sheriff's Department will also have current information and evacuation plans available via the Siskiyou County Sheriff Department Facebook Page.

Closures & Fire Restrictions

Multiple trail closures are in effect including the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT). Please check the closure information posted on InciWeb at: www.inciweb.org/incident/3117/ or on the Klamath National Forests website at: www.fs.usda.gov/klamath.

Fort Complex - Goff Fire Summary:

Size: 15,797 acres

Containment: 15%

Date Started: August 5, 2012

Cause: Lightning

Resources: 9 engines, 4 water tenders,
18 hand-crews, 7 helicopters

Injuries-to-Date: 7, with other minor injuries.

Impacts: A smoke advisory has been issued by

Siskiyou County: <http://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us>

More detailed wildfire information is available on the internet at www.inciweb.org. The Klamath National Forest is in fire restrictions. Forest visitors are reminded to use care while in the Forest and please check the Forest websites at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/klamath/> or with a Forest Service station for local conditions.

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